A look at Rose Creek Cottage’s past reveals story of community support for beloved structure

By DAVE SCHWAB

Most are familiar with the quaint Rose Creek Cottage, a wedding and event venue located at the entryway to Pacific Beach off Interstate 5. But far fewer are aware of its colorful and historic past and the roundabout way it came to be situated on the creek of the same name at 2525 Garnet Ave.

Rose Creek Cottage is actually the last surviving remnant of an early-day mansion that once stood where the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa at 1999 Mission Blvd. is now.

“Knowledge it as part of the old Frederick Tudor Scripps estate [called] Braemar,” said John Fry, founder/president of the Pacific Beach Historical Society.

The cottage, said former Pacific Beach Town Councilmember Eve Anderson, “was once the dining room and community meeting room of the only real mansion that was ever in Pacific Beach. It had a library and was the social hub of the community for many years.”

A half-brother of famed La Jolla philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, F.T. Scripps, an Illinois native, and his bride, Emma Jessop of England, built the Braemar estate home at the northwest corner of Mission Bay and settled down there in 1906.

In the mid-1920s, the dining room, now the Rose Creek Cottage, was added on so Mrs. Scripps could entertain her guests in style.

early residents enjoyed holiday functions and birthday parties, to which all beach-area children were invited.

“People used to walk or ride their horses down to Braemar,” said Fry. “It was just gorgeous.”

In 1935, the property was sold by Scripps to Pacific Beach developer Vernon Taylor and Clinton Mckinnon for a proposed hotel. Only the dining room of Braemar was spared when the entire estate was razed in 1939 to make way for the Catamaran Hotel.

Here is where the story of the “orphanned” dining room really becomes interesting.

“That dining room became the Catamaran’s wedding chapel which it was for many years,” said Anderson, noting the dining room-turned-chapel’s fate took an abrupt turn at the end of the 1950s.

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A day in the life, Part 2: Local resident lends a hand to No More Deaths

By JENNY GOFF

Pacific Beach resident Jenny Goff spent two weeks in August volunteering with the humanitarian aid organization No More Deaths (No Mas Muertes) in Arizona. Here is Part 2 of her account of a typical day in the lives of volunteers. Look for the following parts to her experience in the upcoming issues of Beach & Bay Press. For more information about No More Deaths, visit www.NoMoreDeaths.org.

Part 2

We make sandwiches and fill our canteens before loading up the four-wheel-drive trucks with crates of gallon water jugs, Ziplocks full of high-carbohydrate food, bags of dry socks and medical supplies, plus our backpacks for carrying it all. Laminated topographical maps and portable GPSs, sunscreen and hats, granola bars and water bottles get shoved into pockets and clipped to bags. It is 8 a.m. and we will meet back at the No More Deaths Camp by 6 or 7 p.m.

We reach our first GPS waypoint marking trail access and tumble out of the cab, stretching our legs and arms after the bumpy 30-minute ride. I’m still sore from yesterday’s 8-mile hike over steep, overgrown terrain, but I know walking the trails will loosen me up. We find the trail and load up packs with water, food and socks. The GPS says the “water drop” waypoint is only 0.2 miles away, so we take much heavier loads than we would if we were hiking all day. We head down a mosquito-covered hill and into a dry stone creek-bed, then up through smatterings of cholla cactus and over rusty red earth.

A crate of untouched water jugs is surrounded by a dozen empties at the GPS waypoint. A five-gallon bucket sits overturned and bare inside. It is bittersweet to find a site like this. It is encouraging that the supplies are being found. It is encouraging that the jugs are intact and haven’t been slashed by the U.S. Border Patrol — which has been caught on tape destroying water jugs — or by local ranchers. It is encouraging that the
Arrues’ brother on Garnet Avenue.

Arrues, who just celebrated her 40th high school reunion at Mission Bay High, said she was trained in interior design “back in the cavernous days,” as part of one of the earliest classes of the Design Institute of San Diego. She eventually opened up her own shop on Cass Street called Olga and Stella’s, where she accumulated home décor items from clients whose homes she helped stage for sale or rental.

Olga and Stella’s was ultimately sold after about 10 years in business, but it was during this time that Arrues met Gina Champion Cain, now owner of The Patio. Champion Cain had been looking for a location to open a restaurant, and she and Arrues bonded over interior design.

“Before Gina even got [The Patio], we met and talked about designing it,” Arrues said. “The day she went to escrow, she called me and I started working together for the vibe of the place.”

The one thing Arrues knew was that she wanted the patio to be home to a living wall. Having seen a living wall in an advertisement in a design magazine years ago, she built the wall to emulate a rain forest canopy, with hardier plants that soak up the sun on top and more delicate, shade-driven plants underneath. The plants themselves live in a steel skeleton and, in all, weighs at least a ton. It took nearly three months to build, and a large crane had to be hired to drop it into place. Meanwhile, a drip irrigation system had to be installed, because Arrues knew it wouldn’t be possible to sustain a wall with tropical plants by hand-watering them every day.

“It needs a lot of tending, and the whole thing is essentially an experiment,” she said. “Some plants tend to take over other ones. It has evolved and I’ve replanted a lot.”

Arrues wanted to give the restaurant “the look and feel of Hawaii,” so she built the wall to emulate a rain forest canopy, with hardier plants that soak up the sun on top and more delicate, shade-driven plants underneath. The plants themselves live in a steel frame, though the living wall itself is so dense it’s nearly impossible to see the pockets without delving into the foliage. To make sure she chose the right plants and planned the maze of vegetation out in an acceptable pattern, Arrues consulted Bird Rock horticulturist Lance Greer. The two still work together on the living wall, which needs constant care. Arrues said she replenishes plants in the wall every other week.

“I actually don’t have any background working with plants, other than life experience,” Arrues said. “[Lance and I] collaborate on what plants to buy, what will last for season, etc. We have to make sure we waste as little as possible, and it’s never a done deal, it’s a constant work in progress. But it’s maintained really well and we’ve figured out a good balance.”

Arrues works on other aspects of The Patio’s decor. She chose the fine-art sculptures that greet customers at the door, as well as most of the rest of the restaurant’s embellishments. She serves as an on-staff interior designer — something she said she doubts many local restaurants have. Most of her time, however, is devoted to the living wall. “It’s almost like a pet that needs tending,” a living entity,” Arrues said.

“There are times when we discover something isn’t happening there, so we pull it out and put something else in,” she said. “It tells us what to do, and it looks a little different with the seasons. The job with this thing is like flower arranging, but it’s alive.”

To see Arrues’ living wall, visit The Patio at 4445 Lamont St., www.the-patiosonline.com
On the 26th, Dizzy’s will be the site of a CD release show for guitarist/vocalist Diane Hubka. Celebrating her sixth album, “West Coast Strings,” Hubka will be backed by an all-star band, including bassist Gunnar BIGGS, drummer Duncan Moore and guitarist Peter Sprague, who also performs on two of the album’s tracks. Originally from the East Coast, Hubka has found acclaim worldwide, particularly in Japan, where her warm, smooth vocals have led to her albums being rescissed. The latest disc features 13 cover songs, ranging from Gershwin and Mancini to Van Morrison, an eclectic set of music sure to make a wonderful listening experience at San Diego’s premiere jazz venue.


8 p.m. $15. www.dizzysjazz.com

— Bart Mendoza

OLD TOWN HOSTS HALLOWEEN-THEMED ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

The following events and activities are sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Save Our Heritage Organization and Write Out Loud.

MICHAIL BROWN’S GHOST TOURS

DATES: Various dates in October

Michael Brown leads San Diego’s most respected ghost tours. During his 90-minute walking tours, guests will get to visit various paranormal activity places in Old Town such as the Whaley House, a park that used to be cemetery and a haunted meadow located on the Whaley House property. He shares tips, back and techniques to find ghosts and other paranormal happenings in Old Town. Each tour includes photos, видеозаписи of the dead and a video vortex. His tours are every Thursday through Sunday in October. Walking tours begin at 8 p.m. in front of the Whaley House and no reservations are necessary. Adult tickets are $19 and children 6-12 are $10. Kids 5 and under are free. For more information, visit www.oldsantosdmosthaunted.com.

OLD TOWN’S FALL FESTIVAL

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 26

Fall festival and activities a la San Diego in the 1870s will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the central plaza at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Many merchants surrounding the park will have activities within their stores as well as games and free entertainment.

OLD TOWN THEATER DANSE MACABRE BY WRITE OUT LOUD

DATE: Monday, Oct. 28

Write Out Loud will present “Dance Macabre” in the Old Town Theater on Monday. The event begins at 7 p.m. Dance Macabre will feature stories of magic and mystery brought to life by professional actors. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students, seniors and active military. For more info, visit www.writeoutloud.com.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 31

Trick-or-treaters are invited to come out in their best costumes on Thurs., Oct. 31 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. to collect goodie bags from participating shops and museums throughout Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Free to the public. For more information, call (619) 220-5422.

OLYMPUS DIGITAL CAMERAS:

DATES: Fri., Nov. 1 and Sat., Nov. 2

The premier Day of the Dead event in San Diego County, Old Town Dia de los Muertos is designed to celebrate the history, culture and heritage of the region. Old Town’s predominantly Mexican, Spanish and Native Ameri- can and legacy makes it the best site in San Diego to hold this special and beloved celebration. There will be more than 30 altars, a candlelight procession and live music. At Hazio Reyes in the state park, five live-sized Catrina dolls in historic dress will delight visitors as well as all ages in near- ly every store. This two-day-long acti- vity will also feature workshops, per- formances and lectures. For more infor- mation, visit oldtowndiaofthedead.org or call (619) 297-7511.

OLD TOWN SPIRIT TOURS:

DATES: Fri., Nov. 1 and Sat., Nov. 2

Join a team of guides aboard a horse-drawn carriage. Enjoy the unique and historical sites of Old Town and visit various stops like the Whaley House, Old Town Theater, and Banana Republic. The two-hour tour includes a horse-drawn carriage with a guide who will provide a fun and informative tour of Old Town's history. Tickets are $25 per person and include a souvenir cup. For more information, call (619) 297-7511.

OLYMPUS DIGITAL CAMERAS:

DATES: Fri., Nov. 1

The Day of the Dead event in San Diego is perfect for any photography enthusiast. Capture the unique and vibrant atmosphere of Old Town Dia de los Muertos, one of the largest Day of the Dead festivals in the United States. Participants can expect to see traditional altars, candlelight processions, music, and dance performances. This event is a great opportunity to capture artistic images and create lasting memories. For more information, visit oldtowndiaofthedead.org or call (619) 297-7511.
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garage and take the wedding chapel down. “You can’t do that. We need to save it,” was the response of Anderson and her Town Council colleagues.

Hotel owners ultimately relented. They agreed not to destroy the chapel if the community could find a new place for it and pay for its removal. “That’s when Rose Creek Cottage became homeless.”

“We finally got it moved to a vacant lot, where it sat up on moving girders over at the southeast corner of Bayard Street and Grand Avenue while we tried to find it a new home,” said Fry, noting that search proved more difficult than anticipated.

“We thought it could be moved to Kate Sessions Park, but that didn’t work out,” he said.

Time was running out when Then-Congressman Bill Lowery convinced the Navy to allow the cottage up to building code. That was done with extensive community support, said Anderson.

“A sod company donated for the lawn, another company donated to fix up the room,” she said. “It took a good year to get the cottage in working order.”

One final hurdle had to be cleared, though. A year after the move, when donations had reached $16,631 and Rose Creek Cottage’s restoration was nearly complete, the Pacific Beach Town Council was hit with a $3,535 sewer hookup fee.

Again, someone came to the rescue. Armstrong had become a trusted name in construction.

“City Councilman Mike Gotch, in one of his last official acts, convinced the city to waive the hookup fee, saying, ‘This is my goodbye.’”

A quarter-century later, Rose Creek Cottage remains a popular wedding venue. “Weddings are three-quarters of our business,” said Mark Johnston, who runs Wedding & Event Designers at the cottage, renting it out by the hour. “But we also do a lot of special events — funeral services, club functions, installation dinners, anniversary parties, etc. ‘Our doors are always open.’”

And many locals have strolled down the aisle and through Rose Creek Cottage’s doors. “I got married there,” said Anderson. “My son and his bride got married there. We had the reception in the backyard. We love the chapel.”

For more information about Rose Creek Cottage, call (858) 490-0468 or visit rosecreekcottage.net.

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because it’s literally a one-stop shop.”

BOOmont’s attractions include BOOmont Manor, a family-friendly haunted house, free trick-or-treating, Zombie Laser Tag and pumpkin patch painting. www.boomontpark.com

IN LA JOLLA, one of the best bets for family-friendly and affordable fun is the 13th Annual Haunted Birch Aquarium: Shipsrecked! This interactive exhibit is every kid’s dream. Guests are encouraged to come in costume to wander the museum halls, collect sweet treats and hear Halloween stories. The event also features live music from zydeco band Billy Lee & the Swamp Critters, as well as prizes for best costumes. Kids 2 and under are free. Check out www.aquarium.ucsd.edu for tickets and more information about the Oct. 25 and 26 event.

OLD TOWN will host the third annual Old Town San Diego Zombie Walk on Oct. 26 at sundown (6:06 p.m.). Zombies of all ages are welcome to participate in the free event. Zombies will meet an hour before the walk begins at the El Campo Santo Cemetery, 2410 San Diego Ave., for instructions and directions. www.facebook.com/oldtownzombieevents.
In The Community

When asked how to get to Carnegie Hall, the famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin replied, “Practice! Practice! Practice!” So, how does one get to the Super Bowl?

The annual championship game is one of the year’s biggest sporting events, watched by over 100 million people worldwide. But the show is often stolen by the incredible video ads that are broadcast between plays and at halftime — 30- to 90-second vignettes eagerly anticipated by viewers.

Given the huge number of eyes that are focused on the content, the cost of each ad can run as much as $4 million, far beyond the reach of small businesses that make up the economic heart of our country.

Until now. Intuit, the maker of Quickbooks and other small business software, is running a contest that can place the lucky winner in front of the world. First prize is an ad specially created for it that will be aired during the Super Bowl.

Round 1 of the contest has already been completed. Round 2 is now under way. And the lucky local small business that has made it to round 2 is … (drum roll) … Double Happiness Jewelry and its creative head, Stephanie Wells.

Like Microsoft and Apple, the company was started in a garage. Wells began to design and market unique handmade jewelry that immediately became popular locally. Then, with the help of her sister, Alisa Rottenberg, who runs Daisy Mae PR in New York City, Wells came to the attention of Diane von Furstenberg and the other judges of the city’s Fashion Week event. She won and was invited to be part of the festivities.

Since then, Wells’ designs have been sold in stores all over the world.

Regarding the mayor’s race, we want to speak up for a candidate who fits the bill for getting our city leadership back to decency and being creative and innovative in solving the problems at the police department due to lack of personnel and retention of experienced officers for our protection.

We have been in the trenches when we served on the City Council together from 1977 through 1985, when we cut and balanced the budget significantly, making us the first city in California to cut our budget in order to meet the requirements of Proposition 13 before it was passed.

We know who are the best of the best in city government and public offices, and we have chosen Kevin Faulconer to lead us out of the mess and back to being America’s Finest City from the days when Mayor Pete Wilson led us into great improvements with an outstanding police department, downtown redevelopment, the trolley line, competitive police and employee pay and pensions for a growing city that was paid for on time and within the budget.

We believe Kevin Faulconer stands head and shoulders over the competitors for the job. That is why we are supporting him and voting for him.

Larry Stirling, District 7 City Councilman, 1977 to 1980, State senator and judge

Fred Schnaubelt, District 3 City Councilman, 1977 to 1981

Bill Mitchell, District 1 City Councilman, 1977-1985, two-time deputy mayor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
OCT. 26: OCTOBERFEST ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
WHERE: Hornblend Hall, 1721 Hornblend St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: The Pacific Beach Woman’s Club is hosting its annual event with bratwurst, pretzels, beer, wine, soft drinks, crafts, face-painting, entertainment and art. Proceeds benefit charities and schools supported by the Woman’s Club.

OCT. 26: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: CLEAN THE BAY DAY
WHERE: South Shores Park, Mission Bay, 8 to 11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: Join SeaWorld and San Diego Coastkeeper for the second annual event that cleans up Mission Bay from both the water and shore. Participants can bring their boat, kayak or paddleboard to join the on-water effort, either on their own or as a team with family, friends or coworkers. Food from Rubio’s, prizes and fun will complement the cleanup throughout the morning at Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park. www.sdcoastkeeper.org

OCT. 26: HALLOW’S COURT CO-ED VOLLEY FEST
WHERE: South Mission Beach Sports Park Facility, 2633 Ocean Front Walk, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $20-$30
WHAT: San Diego Beach Improvement Group (BIG) hosts the 4-on-4 tournament with divisions for coed 50+, professionals, competitive, intermediate and youth players. Ten percent of all entry fees for each division will be paid to the winners. Lunch is available for $7. sandiegobig.org/halloweenvolleyball

NOV. 9: KATE SESSIONS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
WHERE: Marston House Museum & Gardens, 3525 Seventh Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: Join in the free annual salute to the “Mother of Balboa Park,” famous horticulturist Kate Olivia Sessions on the occasion of her birthday. Von Marie May, noted cultural landscape historian, will speak on Sessions’ life and work. May is an authority on the Marston Gardens. The program and cutting of the birthday cake will commence at 11 a.m. Plan a walk through the park area planted by Sessions and visit her statue. Enjoy half-price tours of the Marston House and Gardens. Jim Zimck’s hybrid geraniums will be offered for sale. (619) 232-5762
With Oktoberfest still fresh in the everyone’s mind and with San Diego Beer Week fast approaching Nov. 1-10, it’s a good time to take a look at the thriving beer culture in the county, particularly those breweries and pubs that make the beach communities the perfect place to down a cold one.

**CALIFORNIA KEBAB**

Döner kebabs are a popular fast-food treat throughout the Middle East, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, but they have yet to establish a firm presence in America. That’s why when JC Hill discovered them in Australia, he decided to bring them back to San Diego, and along with Alex Piereson and chef Will Harris, he opened California Kebab.

Almost exactly one year ago, California Kebab began brewing its own beers through its own “nano” brewery, Amplified Ale Works.

**Brews:**

- **Electrocution IPA:** A San Diego style IPA, this beer features tropical fruit and pine from heavy dry hopping.
- **Leggy Blond:** A sessionable Belgian-style pale ale with notes of clove, spice and bubblegum and a silky mouthfeel from the addition of wheat. Perfect for lighter fare and warm weather.
- **Pig Nose Pale Ale:** An extra pale ale dry hopped with cascade and meridian hops. Also features a toasty malt character that balances a moderate bitterness.
- **Rare Form:** A layered, rich Belgian-style dark strong ale. Served in an 8-ounce snifter, it starts out with black cherries, dark raisins and fig, then transforms into burnt caramel and brown sugar.

California Kebab pours other breweries as well, so check the website to see what’s on tap.

4150 Mission Blvd., #208, (858) 270-5222, cali-kebab.com

**SD TAP ROOM**

With a dizzying array of beers on tap, SD Tap Room is the epicenter for any Pacific Beach beer lover. The offerings range from good local standbys, like IPAs from both Green Flash and Stone to the more obscure, both local and imports, that are difficult to find on tap elsewhere. However, be sure to check the website for what’s being poured — and even then, don’t be surprised if what you were hoping for might be empty by the time you get there. If you don’t see what you want, however, there is an option to request a beer through the pub’s website.

SD Tap Room offers a range of events, including those coming up for San Diego Beer Week. For a full list of upcoming happenings, check the website.

Customers flock to SD Tap Room for more than beer. The food — ranging from stone-baked pizzas to burgers and steaks to mac ‘n’ cheese (two flavor options: beer or lobster) — draws in crowds as much as the taps and TV screens do.

1269 Garnet Ave., (858) 274-1010, sdtaproom.com

**PIZZA PORT**

Born in Solana Beach in the late 1980s, Pizza Port now has locations throughout the county, including in Pacific Beach. Known for their ‘za and craft beer options, Pizza Port is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike.

1846 Garnet Ave., (858) 270-4001, pacificbeach.pizzaport.com

**Welcome to Dan Diegos Euro Cafè & Pub**

Dan Diegos Euro Café and Pub is a new concept for San Diego. Ryan Fulton, the Founder and General Manager, was the Top Teen Chef in San Diego as a Senior at Clairemont High in 2004. Even then he knew he would eventually open his own restaurant. He spent the last ten years getting ready for and is happy to be open on Morena Boulevard since February 2013.

Dan Diegos is a European-based café and pub that emphasizes creative and made-from-scratch items without being high priced. Most entrees are only $10 and the favorites are his house made corned beef and Irish Fish and Chips. Ryan’s Jamesons Flavored Bread Pudding is a favorite of the desserts, and he features over 150 varieties of beer from all over Europe.

Come join the Fulton family for good hospitality and great food. Dan Diegos is located at 2415 Morena Boulevard. For more information call (619) 276-2100 or visit on-line at www.dandiegos.com
1980s, Pizza Port wasn’t originally intended to be a brewpub. Owner Vince Marsaglia began dabbling with home brewing in the restaurant’s storage space, but it soon became more than just a hobby and Pizza Port introduced its first brews to the public in 1992.

The brews quickly became local favorites and, by 2010, the restaurant boasted four locations, including one in Ocean Beach.

A few favorite brews:
- Skidmark Brown: Marris Otter base malt and English hops
- Newbreak Pale Ale: The house pale ale, it’s brewed with a mix of American and English hops and grain.

OB Chronic: An amber ale brewed year round with English malt and American hops.

SESSIONS PUBLIC
Featuring a wide selection of innovative and unique pub fare — like duck-fat fries, pork-belly hush puppies, short-rib sliders and a chicken-bacon sandwich — for brunch, lunch and dinner. Sessions Public truly offers something you can’t find elsewhere. The restaurant really focuses on beer, though it has an impressive list of wine and spirits, as well. It features 20 beers on tap every day, a list of which is updated on the website daily. Check out the frequent specials and happy hours, like the Sunday brunch bottomless mimosas or the beer Wednesday, which 2-for-1 select drafts all night.

NEWPORT PIZZA & ALE HOUSE
Featuring 21 taps and at least 100 bottles, Newport Pizza & Ale House lives up to its name. With top-notch pizza, which has won several local awards, as well as calzones, breadsticks and cheese sticks, and a variety of salads, the pub is the perfect place for a slice and a pint.

The beer list features a variety of brews, including locals like Coronado Brewing Co. and Green Flash Brewing Co., as well as those hailing from other parts of California like Santa Rosa’s Russian River Brewing Co. and Eureka’s Lost Coast Brewery and imports like Belgium’s Brouwerij Bavik. Bottles run the gamut of local microbreweries to imports from across the world.

Newport Pizza hosts events and specials and offers a daily happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m.

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sacks in the bucket have been taken. Yet it is accompanied by the discouraging feeling that, somehow, we are not doing enough. How is it possible that there are people in the desert desperate enough to make this journey with so little, forced to travel through a place so remote and treacherous that they have to rely on Nature Valley granola bars positioned in the middle of the desert by a bunch of volunteers?

We write “agua pura” (pure water), “Buena suerte!” (good luck), “Hasta un mundo sin fronteras” (until a world without borders), and draw hearts and smiley faces on the jugs. I rarely draw hearts on anything in earnest these days, but out here the sentimentality of such a symbol rings more genuine than anywhere else.

We record what we found and what we are leaving and head back to the truck to find the other 11 “drops.” Some sites are as easy to find, some take us 20 minutes to locate with the GPS. Some are well used, some untouched. There is one remote site that is totally empty except for one blue plastic shred from a water bottle cap. Were the jugs and bucket taken by the Border Patrol? Or were the supplies well used? Has anyone come by who needed water and couldn’t find any? We’ll never know. That is the reality out here. As much as we can speculate each step of the way, we won’t know the story attached to each hand that lifted a water jug to their lips. We won’t know who or how many passed this spot this week, month, year, or if they made it to their destination. On these trails, people don’t want to be found. Sometimes, the only trace of humanity is an oxidized can or blown out sneaker rotting next to the packed earth of the trail. We can only hope that they survived the harsh environment of the Sonoran Desert with or without our help.


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Her jewelry is worn by many celebrities, including Oprah and Beyoncé, and has been worn by models gracing hundreds of covers of fashion magazines, including those appearing in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition.

Since all of her jewelry is handmade, Wells creates jobs. She also provides needed education and income opportunities to struggling women in other countries, notably Africa. Her guiding theme is, “Making the world a better place, one piece of jewelry at a time.”

Wells is a local businesswoman, entrepreneur and hero. That’s how one gets to the Super Bowl. To help Wells win a spot at the Super Bowl, vote for her — today and often — at www.smallbusinessbiggame.com/CA/DoubleHappinessJewelry/87577.

For more information about Double Happiness jewelry, visit www.doublehappinessjewelry.com.

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**HOMECOMING**

The seventh annual Mission Bay High School Alumni Association Homecoming took place Oct. 18 at the MBHS football field. The 2013 Homecoming is a milestone as the school celebrates 60 years since it opened on Sept. 14, 1953.

The classes celebrating reunions this year were 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993 and the class of 1958, which had its reunion in early September, and has the distinction of being the first graduating class to enter MBHS as freshman. Prior to 1955, the MBHS student population consisted of juniors and seniors that transferred from other high schools.

Some notable graduates from the 1958 class include former San Diego Charger Pat Shea (1939-2013), sportswriter and author Bill Swank, Charger Pat Shea (1939-2013), Frank Zappa, who spent one year at MBHS and taught music and was the school’s band leader before next season.

Meanwhile on the football field, the Buccaneers rebounded after a 42-7 loss to Madison with a 42-28 win over the Kearney Comets to earn their first Western League win of the year and improve their record to 6-1. The win over Kearney was the fifth time the Bucs’ scored at least 40 points this season. Mission Bay opened the season with five straight wins, outscoring the opponent by an average of 39.5 to 6 points per game.

The homecoming game marked the final home game of the season and final football game on the current football field. A new field will be installed before next season.

The Bucs’ final three regular season contests will be on the road against La Jolla (Oct. 25), Point Loma (Nov. 1) and Coronado (Nov. 8).

**EDUCATION NOTEBOOK >>**

**PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- PBMS Music Department annual rummage sale takes place on Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Felspar Street parking lot.
- PBMS Tour: Nov. 7, 8 to 10:30 a.m. Learn about the International Baccaulaureate Middle Years Programme. Check in at the office. Parking is available in the Felspar Street parking lot.

**CROWN POINT JUNIOR MUSIC ACADEMY**

- Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday, Oct. 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come dressed up in your favorite Halloween costumes and walk from car to car while trunk or treating. There will be games, best costume competition and the best decorated trunk contest.

**KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY**

- Kick off the holidays at the beach with the Kate Sessions PTSA craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find unique, handmade items and holiday gifts from over 40 local artisans. Local entertainment will be hosted on the main stage. The event is free and open to the public. sessionsfundraising@gmail.com.

**PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY**

- Upcoming dates to remember: Oct. 28-Nov. 1: Red Ribbon Week Nov. 4: SSC/GSC meeting in the library 2:30 p.m. Nov. 5: Picture make-up day Nov. 6: FOPBE meeting 6 p.m. in Room 9, childcare provided for school-age children. Don’t forget to donate to the Penguin Pride Contribution Drive. Go to www.fopbe.org and click on donate. Tax-deductible donations help us fund many wonderful programs.
- On Oct. 11, PB students ate apples grown in the PBE school garden, returning for seconds and even thirds. Thank you to our garden volunteers.

**MISSION BAY CLUSTER NEWS**

- The seventh annual Mission Bay High School Alumni Association Homecoming was a great success, as the children discovered their favorite books were also grandma’s or grandpa’s favorites long ago.

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The San Diego French-American School hosted grandparents and special friends day on Oct. 6. Grandparents were invited to visit their grandchild’s classroom and share a favorite childhood book with the class. The day was a great success, as the children discovered their favorite books were also grandma’s or grandpa’s favorites long ago.

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